7. Simplification of the licensing and permit regime for organized retail and move towards a nationwide uniform licensing regime in the states to facilitate modern retail.

8. Strengthening the Competition Commission's role for enforcing rules against collusion and predatory pricing.

9. Modernization of APMC markets as modelled on the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) Safal market in Bangalore.

Follow-up action on the ICRIER Report

- The ICRIER Report has been forwarded to the State Governments and Secretaries of the Central Government Ministries.
- On the issue of ensuring better credit availability to unorganized retailers from banks, Department of Financial Services has informed that the guidelines in force already provide for extending credit to retailers under the Priority Lending scheme.

Trade through Attari-Wagha border

†1720. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries with which trade is operated through Attari-Wagah border;

(b) the amount of trade with each country during the last three years; and

(c) the potential of trade in ensuing years alongwith the names of commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The countries with which trade is operated through Attari Wagah are Pakistan and Afghanistan. For trade by road, Pakistan has opened Wagah border only for importing certain essential commodities from India since May 2005. Apart from this, only fruits are imported from Afghanistan into India by this route.

(b) The volume of India's trade with Pakistan and Afghanistan is given below:—

India-Pakistan bilateral trade in US$ million

Year	Exports to Pakistan	Imports from Pakistan	Total Trade
2005-2006	689	180	869
2006-2007	1349	323	1672
2007-2008	1944	288	2232
2008-2009 (April-July)	614	124	738

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

India-Afghanistan bilateral trade in US$ million

Year	Exports to Afghanistan	Imports from Afghanistan	Total Trade
2005-2006	143	58	201
2006-2007	182	34	216
2007-2008	249	109	358
2008-2009 (April-July)	112	23	135

Source DGCI and S Kolkata through NIC DOC

(c) Though there is a huge potential of trade between India and Pakistan, due to restrictive policies of Pakistan such as Positive List approach and restriction on commodities for trade by road route, it has not been achieved.

Exports of cashew

1721. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cashew exports during the current financial year has increased tremendously in comparison with the previous years;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(c) whether the cashew price in the domestic market has largely increased;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure adequate availability of cashew in the domestic market and to contain the price rise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) No Sir. There has been only marginal increase (in quantity terms) in exports during the current financial year in comparison to the previous year. The details of our exports during the last few years are as below:—

Year	Qty (MT)	Value (Rs. crores)
2005-2006	114143	2514.86
2006-2007	118540	2455.15
2007-2008	114340	2288.90
2008-2009 (April-October)	66574	1817.81
2007-2008 (April-October)	67044	1284.37

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. The domestic prices are influenced by the international prices, which increased considerably during the first half of 2008. However, the international price for cashew